



Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association

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Dear Mr. Schwartz,

I am writing on behalf of the Clarendon-Courthouse Civic Association (CCCA) to request additional information about the proposed pilot Safety and Innovation Zone demonstration project presented at the County Board meeting on January 26, 2020.

This project involves the installation of experimental surveillance technology that will allow private companies to use public infrastructure to collect sound and images from the center of our neighborhood, process the data collected, and send the data and/or resulting analysis to corporate and governmental entities.

The CCCA has numerous serious questions and concerns about this project, the answers to which are not readily available from the materials presented during the Board meeting or on the Arlington County website. In particular, we would appreciate more information about:

- Policies and other guidance that direct County data gathering systems and technologies such as those in the proposed project, as well as the use of the data they collect;
- Details of the proposed devices, particularly sensors and data transmission and processing involved;
- More information about how staff evaluate proposed technologies;
- What auditing will be in place during the pilot to ensure systems operate as expected once installed; and
- How the ongoing operation and the results of this proposed pilot project will be reported, in addition to the assessment described in the memo presented during the County Board meeting.

We also request the following actions be taken to provide a greater level of information and involvement of the CCCA in this project:

- Set a meeting between the project staff and the residents of the CCCA prior to taking further action on the pilot project (including the identification of the "use cases" for the project) so that CCCA residents can ask questions and express their opinions about the project;
- Appoint a representative from the CCCA to the Privacy Data Oversight Panel that will monitor and advise this project; and
- Appoint an additional, independent representative to the Privacy Data Oversight Panel from a third-party pro-privacy organization that is not affiliated with any of the interested governmental entities or corporate entities that are promoting the technology (such as the Electronic Privacy

Information Center, the ACLU, the Center for Democracy and Technology, or a similar organization).

These modest communications steps will improve public trust in the project, as well as more respectfully consider the questions, concerns and views of the only civic association that is being specifically targeted by this pilot program.

Thank you again for your advocacy for better public engagement on this and other matters of concern to the Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association. Please feel free to reach out to me at nolan.casey@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association

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